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REMARKS

The above amendment is believed to place the claims in proper condition for examination.

Early and favorable action is awaited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claims 5, 8, 11-13, 17-22, 24-25, 30, 32, 35-39, 43-48 and 50-51 have been amended as follows:

5. (Amended) The production method according to [any of Claims 1 to 4] Claim 1,  
wherein the compound (I) is a functional group-containing cyclic olefin.
8. (Amended) The production method according to [any of Claims 1 to 7] Claim 1,  
wherein the living radical polymerization is carried out in the manner of atom transfer radical  
polymerization.
11. (Amended) The production method according to [any of Claims 8 to 10] Claim 8,  
wherein an organic halide having a functional group in addition to an initiation site or a  
halosulfonyl compound having a functional group in addition to an initiation site is used as an  
initiator.
12. (Amended) The production method according to [any of Claims 8 to 11] Claim 8,  
wherein an initiator having a plurality of initiation sites is used as an initiator.
13. (Amended) A vinyl polymer  
having a functional group at a molecular terminus  
and being obtainable by the production method according to [any of Claims 1 to 12] Claim  
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17. (Amended) The polymer according to [any of Claims 13 to 16] Claim 13  
which has a number average molecular weight of 500 to 100,000.

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18. (Amended) The polymer according to [any of Claims 13 to 17] Claim 13 which has a weight average molecular weight (Mw) / number average molecular weight (Mn) ratio (Mw/Mn) of less than 1.8 as determined by gel permeation chromatography.

19. (Amended) A vinyl polymer having a crosslinking silyl group at a molecular chain terminus and being producible by reacting a vinyl polymer, which has an alkenyl group at a molecular chain terminus and is producible by the production method according to [any of Claims 1 to 12] Claim 1, with a crosslinking silyl-containing hydrosilane compound.

20. (Amended) A vinyl polymer having a crosslinking silyl group at a molecular chain terminus and being producible by reacting a vinyl polymer, which has a hydroxyl or amino group at a molecular chain terminus and is producible by the production method according to Claim 1, [2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12] or th a crosslinking silyl-containing compound having a functional group capable of reacting with a hydroxyl or amino group.

21. (Amended) A curable composition comprising:  
(A) a vinyl polymer, which has an alkenyl group at a molecular chain terminus and is producible by the production method according to [any of Claims 1 to 12] Claim 1, and (B) a compound having at least two hydrosilyl groups.

22. (Amended) A curable composition comprising:  
(A) a vinyl polymer, which has a hydroxyl or amino group at a molecular chain terminus and is producible by the production method according to Claim 1[ 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12]. and (B) a compound having at least two functional groups capable of reacting with a hydroxyl or amino group.

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24. (Amended) A curable composition comprising:  
a vinyl polymer, which has a crosslinking silyl group at a molecular chain terminus and is producible by the production method according to Claim 1[, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12].

25. (Amended) A curable composition comprising:  
(A) A vinyl polymer, which has an epoxy group at a molecular chain terminus and is producible by the production method according to Claim 1[, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12].  
and (B) a curing agent for epoxy resins.

30. (Amended) The production method according to [any of Claims 26 to 29] Claim 26,  
wherein a conjugated polyene structure in the conjugated polyene compound (II) is a conjugated diene structure.

32. (Amended) The production method according to [any of Claims 26 to 31] Claim 26,  
wherein the living radical polymerization is carried out in the manner of atom transfer radical polymerization.

35. (Amended) The production method according to [any of Claims 32 to 34] Claim 32,  
wherein an organic halide having a functional group in addition to an initiation site or a halosulfonyl compound having a functional group in addition to an initiation site is used as an initiator.

36. (Amended) The production method according to [any of Claims 32 to 35] Claim 32,  
wherein an initiator having a plurality of initiation sites is used as an initiator.

37. (Amended) The production method according to [any of Claims 26 to 36] Claim 26,  
wherein the conjugated polyene compound (II) is added at the end point of the polymerization reaction.

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38. (Amended) A vinyl polymer  
having a functional group at a molecular chain terminus  
and being obtainable by treating a vinyl polymer, which has the functional group at a molecular chain terminus and is obtainable by the production method according to [any of Claims 26 to 37] Claim 26, with an alkaline compound to thereby eliminate the remaining terminal halogen.

39. (Amended) A vinyl polymer  
having a functional group at a molecular chain terminus  
and being obtainable by the production method according to [any of Claims 26 to 38] Claim 26.

43. (Amended) The polymer according to [any of Claims 39 to 42] Claim 39  
which has a number average molecular weight of 500 to 100,000.

44. (Amended) The polymer according to [any of Claims 39 to 42] Claim 39  
which has a weight average molecular weight (Mw)/number average molecular weight (Mn)  
ratio (Mw/Mn) of less than 1.8 as determined by gel permeation chromatography.

45. (Amended) A vinyl polymer  
having a crosslinking silyl group at a molecular chain terminus and  
being producible by reacting a vinyl polymer, which has an alkenyl group at a molecular chain terminus and is producible by the production method according to [any of Claims 26 to 38] Claim 26, with a crosslinking silyl-containing hydroxilane compound.

46. (Amended) A vinyl polymer  
having a crosslinking silyl group at a molecular chain terminus  
and being producible by reacting a vinyl polymer, which has a hydroxyl or amino group at a molecular chain terminus and is producible by the production method according to Claim 29, [30,

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32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 or 38] with a crosslinking silyl-containing compound having a functional group capable of reacting with a hydroxyl or amino group.

47. (Amended) A curable composition comprising:

(A) a vinyl polymer, which has an alkenyl group at a molecular chain terminus and is producible by the method according to [any of Claims 26 to 38] Claim 26,  
and (B) a compound having at least two hydrosilyl groups.

48. (Amended) A curable composition comprising:

(A) a vinyl polymer, which has a hydroxyl or amino group at a molecular chain terminus and is producible by the production method according to Claim 29, [30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 or 38,]  
and (B) a compound having at least two functional groups capable of reacting with a hydroxyl or amino group.

50. (Amended) A curable composition comprising:

a vinyl polymer, which has a crosslinking silyl group at a molecular chain terminus and is producible by the production method according to Claim 29[, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 or 38].

51. (Amended) A curable composition comprising:

(A) a vinyl polymer, which has an epoxy group at a molecular chain terminus and is producible by the production method according to Claim 29[, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 or 38],  
and (B) a curing agent for epoxy resins.